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## PART I

### INTRODUCTION TO PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

#### A. INTRODUCTION

Reviewing the Master Plan of the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, it has been noted that many of the proposed parks are not desirable or necessary when looking at the growth projected in the General Plan. For this reason, proposed park sites have been reviewed and have been either accepted or rejected, depending upon their conformity with the General Plan. The existing park standards that have guided park development in the past have also been reviewed and have been modified to reflect the lack of available funds and need in some areas. New park development will still service approximately the same population levels as the existing parks do but will not be in such close proximity to the users.

## PART II

### PARK STANDARDS

#### A. NEIGHBORHOOD PARK

A neighborhood park is located within walking distance of the people serviced in an elementary school zone. The park will normally service an area of one-half to three-quarters of a mile, with a population of 2,500 to 4,000. Ideally, the park will be developed adjacent to an elementary school to take advantage of school land for fields and other facilities for sports activities. When the park is not located next to a school, areas for sports activities will be acquired.

#### B. COMMUNITY PARK

A community park is planned to serve approximately 15,000 to 25,000 people with a service area of approximately one to two miles. A community park offers a greater variety of indoor and outdoor facilities than a neighborhood park. It may include large turfed areas, courts, swim centers, and building facilities for arts and crafts, club meetings, and social gathering. The community park must be readily accessible by auto with adequate on-site parking provided.

#### C. SPECIAL USE PARK

A special use facility or park is usually developed as a sports center (ball park), art center, craft center, arena, stadium, gymnasium, or theater. It is often combined with a small rest area or tot lot. Adequate on-site parking must be provided, since most uses will have scheduled programming. The use area, population served, and size of the facility will vary with the type of use.

#### D. DISTRICT PARK

A district park is usually a large, open-space area effectively planned so that large turfed areas, recreation centers, nature areas, special use facilities, sport complexes, community picnic and gathering areas, trails, ponds, and streams can be combined to serve the entire district. Adequate parking is to be provided in relation to the developed facility. The park should not be smaller than 100 acres. This type of park should serve the entire population of the city.

### PART III

#### PARK INVENTORY

#### A. INTRODUCTION

Included in the park inventory, along with parks that are developed, are partially developed or undeveloped parks. All of the park sites have been acquired, however, some may not be developed to date. The parks are located by zones as follows:

##### ZONE 1: (See Attachment 1)

1. Maitland Henry Park: 4.2 acres. Turfed, irrigated, with trees (Neighborhood Park).
2. Al Caffodio Park: 2 acres. Tot lot, turfed, landscaped theme park adjacent to Rincon School playfield (Neighborhood Park).
3. Vista Meadows Park: 6 acres. Tot lot, turfed and landscaped (Neighborhood Park).
4. May Nissen Park: 12 acres. Two (2) pools, four (4) tennis courts, picnic area, ball fields, meeting room, tot lot, playfields, paved activity area (Community Park).
5. Olivina Park: 7.1 acres. Community garden (Neighborhood Park).

##### ZONE 2: (See Attachment 2)

1. Oak Knoll Pioneer Memorial Park: 3 acres. Fort theme, tot lot, picnic area, view (Neighborhood Park).
2. Manuel Mederios Parkway: 26 acres.
3. Robertson Park: 130 acres. Rustic park, picnic areas, streams, hiking, community horsemen's arena, football-soccer field, permanent stands, rest rooms (District Park).
4. Pleasure Island Park: 6.5 acres. Tot lot, picnic area (Neighborhood Park).



5. Holm Well Park: 5 acres. Tot lot, picnic area (Neighborhood Park).
6. Max Baer Park: 12.4 acres. Lighted ball field, picnic area, soccer-baseball field (Special Use Park).
7. El Prado Park: 4 acres. Tot lot, playfield (Neighborhood Park).
8. Sunset Park: 6 acres. Tot lot, picnic area, turfed playfield (Neighborhood Park).
9. Karl Wente Park: 3.4 acres (Neighborhood Park).
10. Ravenswood Park: 2 acres (Neighborhood Park).
11. Ravenswood Historical Site: 22.9 acres (Historical/Special Use Park).
12. Independence Park: 17.7 acres. Three ball fields, picnic area (Neighborhood/Special Use Park).
13. Neptune Park: 2.2 acres (Neighborhood Park).

ZONE 3: (See Attachment 3)

1. Carnegie Park: 1 acre. Meeting rooms, kitchen, garden (Special Use Park).
2. Samuel Bothwell Senior Community Center: 2.13 acres. Meeting rooms, teen center, senior citizen center, tot lot, lighted ball field, lighted tennis courts (Special Use Park).
3. Sunken Garden Park: 8.5 acres. Adjacent to the Civic Center (Neighborhood Park).
4. Almond Park: 6 acres. Tot lot, tea house, picnic areas, playfield, roller skating area (Neighborhood Park).
5. Robert Livermore Park: 18± acres. Three ball fields, tot lot, snack bar, picnic area, portable rest rooms, community garden (Community Park).
6. Big Trees Park: 4.1 acres. Picnic area, playfield, nature area, tot lot (Neighborhood Park).

ZONE 4: (See Attachment 4)

1. Christensen Park: 6.8 acres. Tot lot, picnic area (Neighborhood Park).
2. North Livermore Neighborhood Park: 13 acres. Picnic area (Neighborhood Park).
3. Neighborhood Park: 4.5 acres. (Unnamed at this time).

## PART IV

### PROPOSED PARKS

#### A. INTRODUCTION

In addition to the parks now in existence in Livermore, there is seen a need to develop parks in the newer areas of Livermore where these facilities have not been provided. Using existing development and development projected in the General Plan as a guide, the following park acquisitions and development should occur.

##### ZONE 1: (See Attachment 1)

1. Special Use Park: Located on the south side of the I-580 Freeway, east of Kitty Hawk Road. It will be used as a picnic/rest area for cyclists or hikers using the existing trail.
2. Special Use Park: Located north of Stanley Boulevard, west of Murrieta Boulevard along Arroyo Mocho. It is designed to be kept as a nature area before further development takes place.
3. Neighborhood Park: Located north of Portola Avenue, east of the existing housing development. It will service the residents in this area as development occurs. (This area is zoned Urban Low Medium in the General Plan, allowing an average density of three (3) dwelling units per acre.)

##### ZONE 2: (See Attachment 2)

1. Neighborhood Park Extension: Located adjacent to the Neptune Park Site. It will enlarge the park to service residents in this area.

##### ZONE 3: (See Attachment 3)

1. Neighborhood Park: Located in the Valley East housing development. It will service that development as it expands. Depending upon growth, two parks may be necessary and may be spaced suitably from the present development. (This area is zoned Urban Low Medium, allowing an average density of three (3) dwelling units per acre.)

##### ZONE 4: (See Attachment 4)

1. Community Park: There is a need for a community park in the Springtown area, since the distance to the nearest existing community park is too great. The population in the Springtown area is large enough to warrant a separate community park. A suitable location would be just east of Bluebell Drive and north of Scenic Avenue, since this area is fairly central to existing development. A portion of this site has been dedicated to the City.
2. Neighborhood Park: Located near the proposed school sites east of Livermore Avenue, south of Hartford Avenue. It will service the growth projected in the General Plan. (This area is zoned Urban Low, with an average density of 1.5 dwelling units per acre.)



3. Neighborhood Park: Located just north of Sunflower Court. It will service the growth projected in the General Plan for this area. (This immediate area is zoned Urban Medium High with an average density of six [6] dwelling units per acre. It is surrounded by less dense zones.)

B. ADDITIONAL COMMENT

Using the General Plan as a guideline, parks are not seen as necessary in the Springtown area near Herman Avenue and Scenic Avenue nor in the Marina area near Marina Avenue and Arroyo Road. These areas at present are not zoned for densities high enough to warrant parks. If the General Plan is changed to allow higher densities in either of these areas, the need for parks would be re-evaluated.

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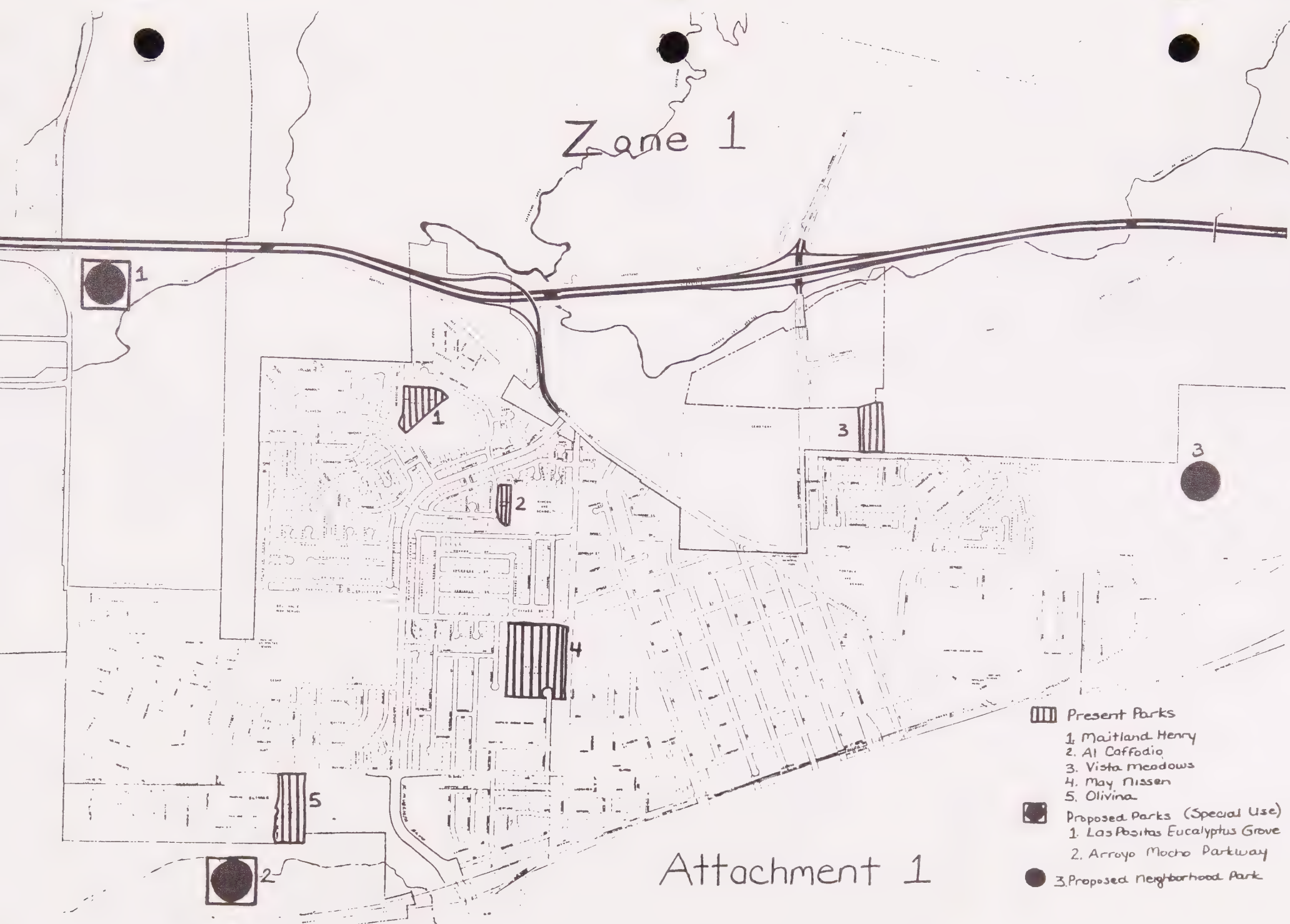
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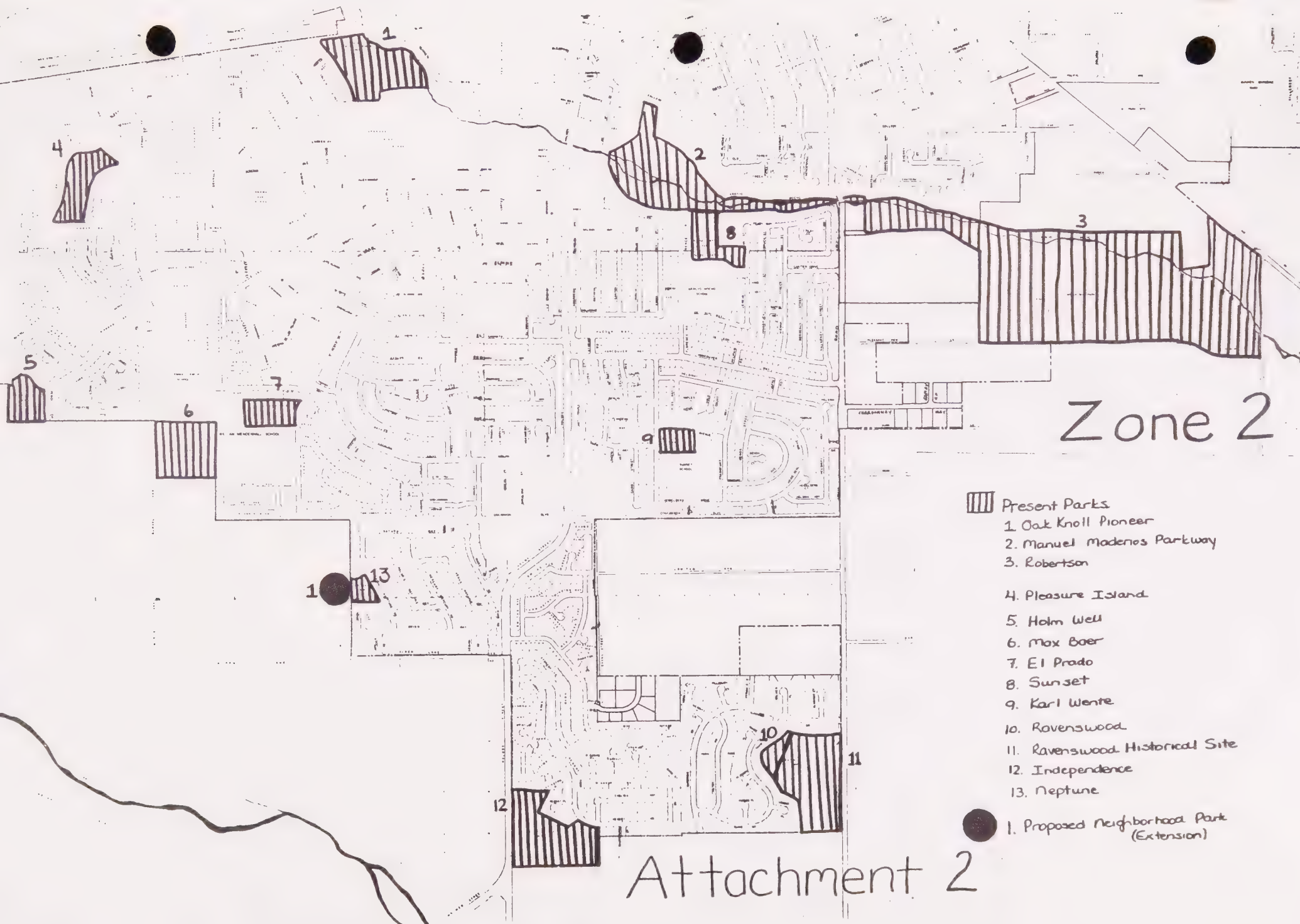
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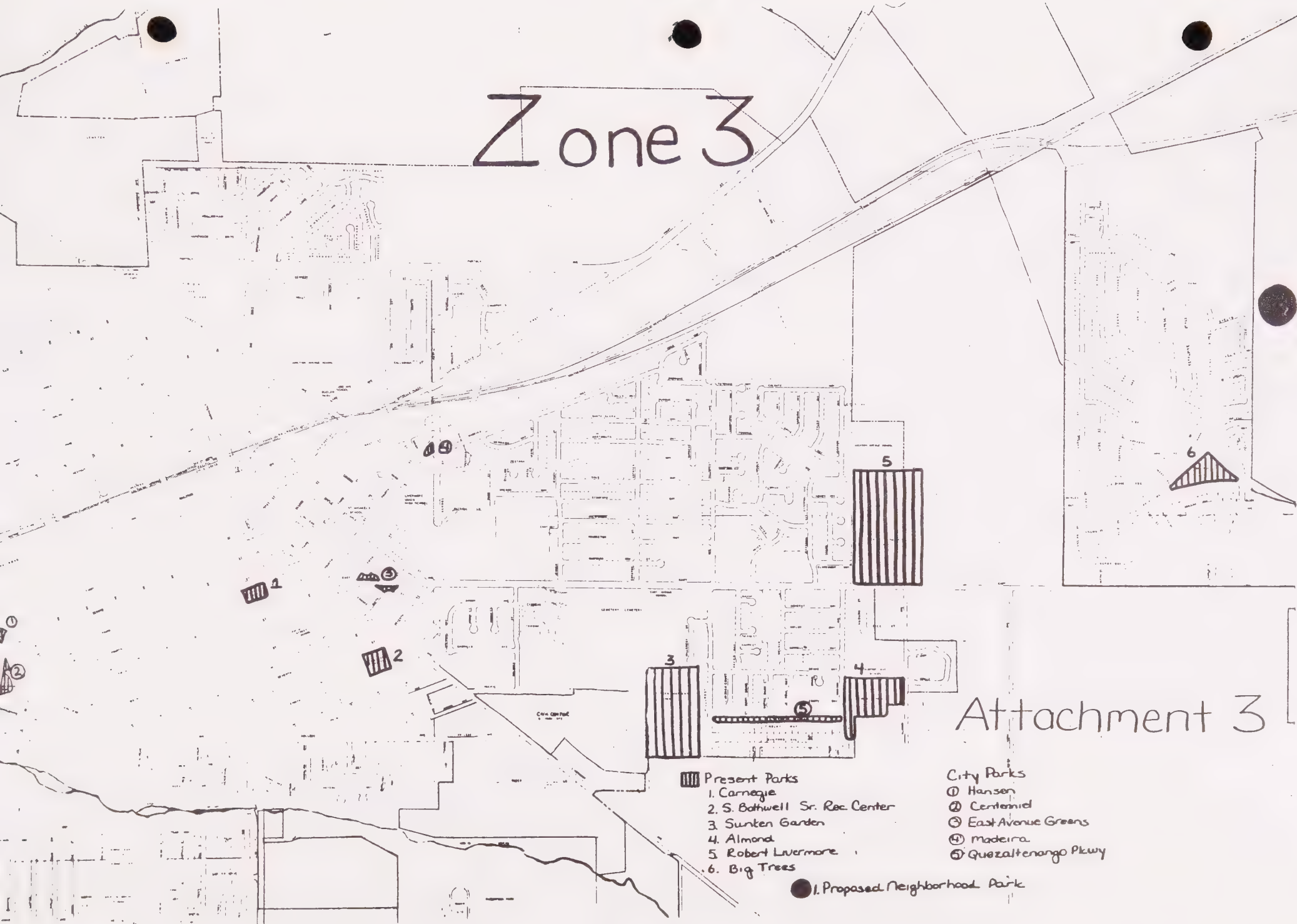
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- 3. Robertson
- 4. Pleasure Island
- 5. Holm Well
- 6. Max Boer
- 7. El Prado
- 8. Sunset
- 9. Karl Wente
- 10. Ravenswood
- 11. Ravenswood Historical Site
- 12. Independence
- 13. Neptune
-  1. Proposed Neighborhood Park (Extension)

Attachment 2





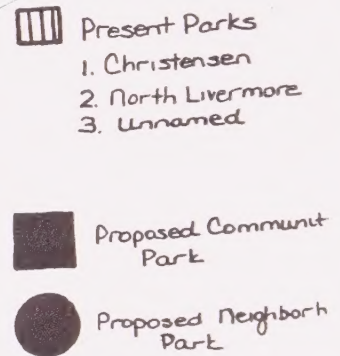
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Attachment 4







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